



## MAINTENANCE = SUSTAINABILITY

We promised to maintain buildings for the next generation

### 2018 HIGHLIGHT

Completed renovation of the heavily used Lake City Branch to make it a more enjoyable space to read, study and collaborate.

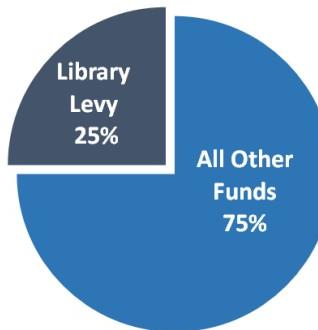
### More 2018 accomplishments

- Completed 17,000 work orders to keep 27 buildings clean, efficient and in good working order
- Completed chimney and roof repairs at Queen Anne Branch
- Completed window repairs at Fremont and University branches
- Replaced loading dock door at Central Library
- Performed carpet cleaning, high dusting, window washing and upholstery cleaning at all locations

### 2018 levy spending: \$4.9 million\*

### LEVERAGING LEVY INVESTMENTS

Completed construction of new public restrooms and upgraded flooring on Level 3 of the Central Library with funds from real estate excise taxes.



The levy provided 25% of the total Library budget in 2018

### OUR MISSION

The Seattle Public Library brings people, information and ideas together to enrich lives and build community.

### 2018 LEVY AT A GLANCE

#### Overall spending:

**\$19.4 million\***, includes **\$4.8 million to preserve existing core service levels and \$292,000 for levy administration. The levy provided 25% of the total Library budget in 2018.**

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\*Preliminary year end financials.

### Library Levy Oversight

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# What's important to you?

2018



### LIBRARY LEVY: A REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

In 2012, Seattle voters improved access to critical educational and literacy resources for every resident by passing a seven-year, \$123 million Library levy.

The levy is helping restore core services drastically cut during the prolonged recession. The levy supports better Library hours, books, technology and building maintenance, and allows us to access and leverage investments from other sources to respond to the evolving needs of patrons.

It also protects a bold vision approved by Seattle voters in 1998 called "Libraries for All," which resulted in new and remodeled branch libraries across the city. We are proud to report our progress after six years of levy funding.

Kristi England, Library Board President



The Seattle Public Library



## HOURS = ACCESS

We promised to keep libraries open when patrons need them

### 2018 HIGHLIGHT

We held 1,700+ outreach events to bring Library services to every Seattle community.

#### More 2018 accomplishments

- Retained 6,000+ new open hours systemwide
  - Open 52 weeks a year
  - All locations open Sunday
  - 7-day service at Columbia and Northgate branches
  - Friday hours at High Point, International District/Chinatown, South Park and University branches



## COLLECTIONS = QUALITY

We promised to provide a robust collection of books and materials

### 2018 HIGHLIGHT

Patrons checked out no hold no wait Peak Picks books nearly 200,000 times. Over 40,000 patrons checked out at least one title.

#### More 2018 accomplishments

- Added 40,000+ new titles to print books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs
- Added 23,000+ new e-book and e-audiobook titles
- Bought 30,000+ copies of popular materials to shorten wait times
- Bought 19,000 copies of Peak Picks titles
- Used a “floating collection” model to reduce transit time of materials and improve collection variety
- Purchased overhead scanner to digitize oversize and bound materials from the Seattle Collection

### 2018 levy spending: \$4.1 million\*

#### LEVERAGING LEVY INVESTMENTS

Restored borrowing privileges to 1,100 teens through Fresh Start, a fine forgiveness program supported by The Seattle Public Library Foundation.



## TECHNOLOGY = OPPORTUNITY

We promised to improve computer and online services

### 2018 HIGHLIGHT

Completed new website optimized for accessibility and mobile use. First major redesign since 2003.

#### More 2018 accomplishments

- Offered 400+ technology classes to teach patrons how to use email, the internet, software and other digital products
- Replaced 38 levy-funded public computers and added 8 laptops
- Added widescreen TVs to meeting rooms at 13 branches to improve audiovisual capability
- Improved lighting, acoustics and audiovisual equipment in the Central Library Microsoft Auditorium

### 2018 levy spending: \$2 million\*

#### LEVERAGING LEVY INVESTMENTS

Added metadata to items in the Seattle Historical Photograph and Historic Postcard collections with a grant from the Washington State Library to improve discovery of these materials.

Negotiated new contract for popular Wi-Fi HotSpot program that increases the number of hotspots available for checkout and supports improved Wi-Fi access at city-sanctioned encampments with support of Cable Franchise Fees and General Fund.